

Church. She has served for more than 8 years as the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer of the Matilda Monroe Area. She was also the Editor of the "Bridge," the Second Episcopal District WMS Newsletter, and was elected a Delegate to the 15th and 16th Quadrennial Conventions.

Married for 35 years, Pastor Sembly and First Lady Mrs. Pamela J. Sembly have three loving children and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Reverend Charles T. Sembly and First Lady Pamela J. Sembly for their outstanding service to the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church and their continued commitment to enhancing lives in their community.

HONORING DEBORAH PEEPLES

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Deborah Peeples of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. Through Mrs. Peeples' public service and dedication to the community she inspires us all. In acknowledgement of her service and commitment to the advancement of the Democratic Party, Deborah has been selected to receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award from the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee.

Deborah has done a tremendous amount of work for the Town of Shrewsbury. She has served as an elected Town Meeting Member and member of the Shrewsbury School Committee. During this time she played an active role in four school building projects. Currently, Mrs. Peeples serves as the Treasurer for the Board of Friends of the Shrewsbury Public Library. She founded and ran the Summer R.E.C.E.S.S. reading program which continues to this day. Deborah Peeples is dedicated to improving the community of Shrewsbury.

Deborah Peeples has been an active member and is the current Co-Vice Chair of the Town Democratic Committee. She has been involved in Democratic campaigns for a very long time, from leafleting for George McGovern in 1972 and more recently, campaigning for Hillary Clinton, Shannon O'Brien, Bill Clinton and Deval Patrick. I will be forever grateful to her for her friendship and hard work helping in my Congressional campaigns. Deborah is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis. Currently she serves as Executive Director of ELNA (Education and Leadership for a Non-violent Age) Collaborative, working with middle and high school students promoting leadership, civic participation and social activism.

Deborah's devotion to the betterment of our community and her commitment to public service enrich us all. In tribute to her outstanding service to the Town of Shrewsbury, I congratulate my friend, Deborah Peeples on receiving this award. I know all my colleagues will join me in paying tribute to her.

HONORING MRS. DEBRA JOHNSON

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH SANDLIN

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mrs. HERSETH SANDLIN. Madam Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Debra Johnson, Principal of Chamberlain Middle School and High School in Chamberlain, South Dakota. Mrs. Johnson was named South Dakota Middle School Principal of the Year by the MetLife/National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) National Principal of the Year Program. This award recognizes the achievements of secondary school principals like Mrs. Johnson who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession.

Mrs. Johnson has devoted 29 years to education, including more than 17 years as an administrator. One of her proudest achievements was combining separate buildings for grades 5-8 and grades 9-12 into a joint middle school and high school in Chamberlain, where staff can work together to address issues, implement effective teaching strategies, and design plans so that all students can achieve at their highest level. Mrs. Johnson recognizes the value of a well-rounded education beyond just the classroom and has been a strong supporter and advocate of quality afterschool activities. Her leadership, organization, and planning skills have served students, teachers, and fellow administrators well throughout her career.

I send best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Johnson on this noteworthy recognition and thank her for her years of service as an educator in South Dakota.

RECOGNIZING HOLLAND CITY COUNCILMAN CRAIG RICH FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE HOLLAND CITY COUNCIL

HON. PETER HOEKSTRA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Madam Speaker, I rise here today to congratulate Councilman Craig Rich on many years serving on the Holland City Council.

Craig Rich grew up in Holland where his family has lived since 1910. He is a 1972 graduate of Holland High School and holds a business degree from Davenport College. He and his father operated radio station WZND in Zeeland from 1971 through 1986. Since then he has been with the Grand Rapids Business Journal, a weekly business-to-business newspaper in Grand Rapids, as advertising sales consultant and sales manager.

Craig was first appointed to the Holland City Council in 1982 at 28 years old and has since been elected in 1983 and re-elected in 1985, 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001 and 2005. Craig also served as Holland's Mayor ProTem from 1987 to 2007. His ward represents the true center of the city—bordered by 14th and 15th streets and Lake Macatawa on the north, 24th street on the south, River, Michigan and Central ave-

nues on the east and Graafschap Road on the west.

Craig is the Council's liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Public Works. He is most proud of having decreased or maintained the general fund tax rate 17 times since being elected to office while, at the same time, maintaining or increasing the level of essential city services.

In addition to his service on the City Council, Craig is active at Christ Memorial Reformed Church. He is a founding member of Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates and a "master" level SCUBA diver.

He combines his love of local history and genealogy with scuba diving to research and document local area shipwrecks. He is the author of "For Those in Peril: Shipwrecks of Ottawa County" due to be published in 2009.

Craig and his wife Vickie have been married since 1975 and have two daughters; Allison, an English teacher in Florida, and Catherine, a student at Northern Michigan University.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BOREN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. BOREN. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 776 for the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2009, if I had been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, On Wednesday October 14, 2009 I was unavoidably detained and missed one vote.

Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on H. Res. 768, a resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of October as "National Work and Family Month (Rollcall 775).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITADEL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, The U.S. News and World Report, in their publication titled "America's Best Colleges 2010", recently named The Citadel as the No. 1 best value among master's degree-granting colleges in the South. This is a tremendous recognition for the cadets, students, faculty, and administration of this esteemed South Carolina institution. In addition to being the best value, The Citadel was also named the No. 2 best public institution that offers a master's degree in the South and the No. 5 among all master's degree-granting colleges and universities in the South that offers a master's degree.